



Allied Arts Council of Lethbridge
2021 Municipal Election
Arts Survey: Candidate Response

Candidate: Davey Wiggers

1. What is your vision for the arts sector within the City of Lethbridge?

I feel that a vibrant arts sector is an integral part of a beneficial quality of life for our citizens.

2. What do you believe are the benefits of investing in the arts and how do you view the role of City of Lethbridge in arts investment.

I believe that allocating a proportional segment of our budget for investment into infrastructure and practical public art should be part of our municipal development plan.

3. Please share your thoughts on public art and its role in our community.

There's a saying, that if you're stuck on something, sometimes you just need to change your perspective. That can be accomplished in a number of different ways. For me that has happened while out for a stroll and happening upon a steam engine's drive wheel sticking up from out of the ground. Contemplating how that was done broke the mental block allowing me to solve the problem. That's just a personal experience how public art has affected my life. I have another example of this while appreciating Rembrandt's De Nachtwacht (The Night Watch), but I'm pretty sure, the city can't afford that one 😊

4. Lethbridge City Council has demonstrated their commitment to building a performing arts centre in their recent Capital Improvement Program. Do you support this commitment and if so what is your proposed strategy for completing the project?

I support the commitment in principle. Once new council meets to discuss the CIP and the implementation of its commitments, we will have to look at funding strategies. With the reduction and ultimate phase out of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative to be replaced by another program circa 2024, there will have to be some serious discussions on how we can make this happen.